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Hamon's Associate Called 'Accessory' in His Slaying

SINN FEINERS PUT TO DEATH

Crowds Pray at Doors of Mount Joy Jail as Executions Take Place.

By DANIEL O'CONNELL, International News Service. DUBLIN, March 14.—Six young Sinn Feiners were executed at Mount Joy prison this morning for complicity in attacks upon crown forces in Ireland.

Thomas W. Heelan and Patrick Moran, who were convicted of participating in the killing of British officers in this city on November 21—"Bloody Sunday"—were executed first.

QUELLS TALK OF PEACE. The executions caused a tremendous sensation and have had the effect of quelling talk of further peace negotiations for the time being.

Business was at a standstill. Even the postoffice was closed. Outside of the jail, thousands were gathered. Many knelt in prayer and the sobs and cries of lamentation filled the air.

Inside the prison, within a few hundred yards of the spot where the condemned men met their death, was Arthur Griffith, Sinn Fein member of parliament, vice president of the Irish republic, and head of the Sinn Fein organization. He is a prisoner.

REPRISAL EFFORT FAILS. Attempts to secure a reprieve for the six Republicans failed. Word was received from London early today that the home office and the Irish office would not interfere. The authorities then made the final arrangements for the execution.

It was decided that the men should be killed in pairs, beginning at 6 o'clock. After Wheeler and Moran, two others of the condemned men were ordered to their doom at 7 o'clock, and an hour later at 8 o'clock—the final couple met death.

ALIBI WAS DISREGARDED.

The highest feeling was aroused over the execution of Moran, who was formerly head of the Union of Grocery Clerks in Dublin. His friends declared that he had been convicted before a British military court on the basis of a kind of evidence, and that the testimony of his friends, who, sworn to an alibi, was disregarded.

Whelan has two brothers in the United States. One of them is said to be a soldier in the American army. He was accused of shooting an English officer to death on the morning of "Bloody Sunday," but evidence was given at the court-martial that he was attending mass at the time he was alleged to have committed the murder.

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Crowded close to the gates of the prison yard was Mrs. Wheeler, aged mother of one of the doomed men. She had the way from Connemara, in County Galway, and wore the quaint costume of the peasant women of that district. Tears rolled down her wrinkled cheeks.

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CLARA MAY BECOME A MOVIE STAR IF FREED

ARDMORE, Okla., March 14.—Publishers as well as moving picture concerns are besieging Clara Smith Hamon with offers. She has been offered an enormous sum to write the story of her life, either in event of acquittal or conviction, it was learned today.

According to close friends, she will sign a movie contract after the trial ends, if she is acquitted. According to her present plans, if she walks from the courtroom a free woman, she will go to California with her sister, Mrs. Van Allen James of Los Angeles, and first take a rest.

ALLIED TROOPS POUR IN RUHR

Duisburg Re-enforcements Point To Occupation of Another German City.

PARIS, March 14.—Reinforcements of allied troops are arriving continuously at Duisburg, and it is believed that the allied military authorities are preparing to occupy the German city of Mulheim, said a dispatch to the Petit Journal today. (Mulheim is between four and five miles east of Duisburg and the same distance from Essen.)

PHILIPPINE POLICY WAITS WOOD'S VISIT

Harding Tells De Veyra That Inquiry Covers Question of Independence.

The policy of the Administration with regard to the Philippines will not be formulated until Maj. Gen. Loard Wood and W. Cameron Forbes have made an investigation and reported on Philippine affairs, President Harding today informed Jaime C. De Veyra, resident Philippine commissioner.

De Veyra called upon the President and urged that he set a definite date for the pronouncement of the independence of the Philippines. The President outlined the scope of the investigation to be made by General Wood and Mr. Forbes, and informed the commissioner that this inquiry would cover the question of independence, for the islands and that no action would be taken until a complete report had been made. The President also stated that there would be no appointment of a governor general of the Philippines until after the report had been made.

De Veyra then urged that General Wood be given definite instructions to make specific recommendations concerning the independence of the Philippines.

BRITISH NAVY BUDGET FOR YEAR TO BE CUT 10,000,000 LBS.

LONDON, March 14.—The navy estimate for 1921-22, to be made public today, will show a reduction of some millions of pounds on the net estimate for the last financial year, which was £84,372,300, according to the forecast of the political correspondent of the London Times.

He says there will be a reduction of possibly £10,000,000 and understands that, following upon the findings of the subcommittee of the committee of imperial defense, the government has decided in principle that the capital ship must continue to be the main unit of an effective fleet.

HELPED CLARA, LAWYER HINTS

Asst. State's Attorney Springs Sensation—Witness Gives Jake's Version of Shooting.

By MILDRED MORRIS, International News Service.

COURTROOM, Ardmore, Okla., March 14.—The second sensation of the Clara Smith Hamon trial was sprung this morning when Frank L. Ketch, administrator of the Hamon estate, and witness for the prosecution, was branded as an "accessory" after the murder of Jake L. Hamon, by a member of the State's counsel, J. L. Hedge, assistant county attorney, made the charge.

CHARGE IS BOMBHELL. Hedge protested vigorously against Ketch "being granted immunity" and against admission of his evidence.

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ERET DUNLAP, business associate of Hamon, was the first witness of the day.

Dunlap corroborated previous testimony that Hamon on his deathbed blamed the girl for shooting him.

MRS. HAMON PRESENT. Mrs. Jake Hamon, with her son and other members of her family, arrived shortly before court went into session.

Erret Dunlap, a prominent oil operator, one of the men who liked to be a soldier in the American army, was accused of shooting an English officer to death on the morning of "Bloody Sunday," but evidence was given at the court-martial that he was attending mass at the time he was alleged to have committed the murder.

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MRS. JAKE L. HAMON, widow of the Oklahoma oil king, slain by Clara Smith Hamon. Mrs. Hamon is one of the chief figures at the Ardmore murder trial. Photograph also shows Mrs. Hamon's young daughter, Olive Belle.



JURY INDICTS MAN WHO SHOT SENATOR

Charles A. Grock Held for Assault With Dangerous Weapon on March 5.

Charles Augustus Grock, sixty-five-year-old resident of Takoma Park, was today indicted by the grand jury for assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with shooting March 5 last, Senator Charles B. Henderson of Nevada, at the Senate Office Building. The shooting, it is alleged, was the result of an old grievance held by the accused against the Senator growing from a land deal in Nevada in 1896.

Second degree murder is charged against Edward Brown, who is alleged to have shot and killed, November 28 last, Neddon H. Peyton. Both are colored, and the crime was alleged to be due to jealousy on the part of the accused, who declared that Peyton kept company with the former's wife while he was in France. The shooting occurred near Washington Circle.

Walter Henry, formerly employed by the Washington Tobacco Company, was indicted for embezzlement, it being alleged he stole, July 13 last, 1,000 packages of cigarettes. Harry Johnson charged February 26 last, with snatching the purse of Katherine F. Pealey, was indicted for robbery. George V. Breehman is charged with forgery and uttering. John Harvey with false pretense. Owenska Delwright with forgery and uttering.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR MAN IS RUN DOWN BY TAXI

CHICAGO, March 14.—Howard B. Jackson, a grain dealer, was struck by a taxicab on Jackson boulevard late Saturday. His skull was fractured. At St. Luke's Hospital it was said his condition was unfavorable. As vice president of the United States Grain Corporation, Mr. Jackson served the Government for \$1 a year. Mr. Jackson is a member of the firm of Jackson Brothers. He has been a member of the Board of Trade since 1878.

CLARA IS OFFERED HOME WHEN FREED

Mexican Congressman Says Spiritualistic Cult Believe in Her Innocence.

ARDMORE, Okla., March 14.—Clara Smith Hamon, now on trial here for the alleged murder of Jake L. Hamon, today was offered a home in Mexico, if she shows her freedom, by Alfredo Garcia, congressman of the Mexican State of Chihuahua. Congressmen Garcia reached Ardmore with a message of sympathy from friends of the young woman whom she met on her flight into Mexico after the shooting of Hamon. Garcia met her accused woman in January when he was on the verge of collapse. He led her to Chihuahua, where she obtained shelter from members of a Mexican spiritualistic cult.

"We believe, Clara Smith Hamon," said Garcia, "We know she is not guilty of this murder charge. I have come to tell her that if there is anything in our law to make it easier for her, we are at her command. If she is freed, and we feel she will be, if justice is given her, we shall be honored to have her come to Chihuahua."

Secretary of Commerce Hoover stated today that he has no plans for an immediate reorganization of the Department of Commerce. The Secretary said that reorganization of the department would be delayed until the Congressional committee on reorganization has submitted its plans.

Kutz Yields To Citizens Postpones Gas Hearing

RATE DEBATE DUE TUESDAY

Civic. Spokesmen Argue Lone Commissioner Cannot Proceed Legally.

Sustaining the objections of representatives of the public and other interests, Commissioner Charles W. Kutz, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, today continued until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning the public hearing on the application of the Washington Gas Light Company for a continuation after March 18 of the present rate of \$1.32 per thousand cubic feet for gas.

ASKS FOR OPINIONS. When the hearing opened Commissioner Kutz announced that he believed he had the legal power to proceed with the hearing, and asked for opinions as to the advisability of going ahead in view of the fact that the nominations of new members of the commission were pending before the Senate.

William McK. Clayton, representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, Evan H. Tucker, of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association; W. D. Shoemaker, representing gas consumers in an near Chevy Chase, Md., and Charles W. Darr, representing the Washington Lunch Room Association, entered objections, informing the Commissioner that they believed it would be in the interests of the public and others concerned to continue the hearing.

Benjamin S. Minor, of counsel for the gas company, announced that the company was ready and anxious to proceed with the hearing. He declared he saw no reason why Commissioner Kutz should not proceed, and submit the records of the hearings to the new commissioners when they come into office. He further declared that it did not seem necessary to go far into the case, asserting the gas company would re-submit arguments presented at a previous hearing.

ARGUE FORTY MINUTES. For more than forty minutes representatives of the public, Mr. Minor and Commissioner Kutz argued the advisability of holding the hearing. Finally, after conferring with Frank H. Stephens, counsel for the commission, and Walter C. Allen, executive secretary of the commission, Commissioner Kutz announced a postponement.

The hearing will be held tomorrow, Commissioner Kutz announced. He made it clear that he was determined to end the hearing tomorrow, even if a night session should be necessary.

Representatives of the public in their arguments declared it would be much better to have testimony submitted by "word of mouth" to the full commission than to submit "cold records" to new Commissioners. They also declared the new commissioners should be present to interrogate, if necessary.

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WIFE BEAT HIM UP TO REDUCE, HE SAYS

Railroad Fireman Claims She Lost Seventy Pounds by Rough Exercises.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Mrs. Leo Weiss Backer, wife of a husky railroad fireman, weighed 210 pounds when she decided to reduce. Some women go in for walking, golf, riding on the floor, swimming, and other exercises in order to shake off their adipose tissue, but Leo says his wife adopted an original plan. At various intervals, according to his testimony before Judge Sabath, she would beat a merry tattoo on his ribs with a fire shovel, or whatever came to hand.

"The last time we quarreled," said Leo, "she seized me by the throat and shook me until my heart, liver, and other internal mechanism was all mixed up. She threatened to kill me."

"You're an average size man," commented the judge. "How much does she weigh?"

GAS HEARING DELAYED FOR NEW D. C. HEADS

The gas hearing will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the District building. The hearing was postponed today in the expectation the Senate would confirm the nominations of James E. Oyster and Cuno H. Rudolph as Commissioners. It is planned to swear the new Commissioners in at 10 o'clock tomorrow. The Public Utilities Commission faces three hearings this week: Tomorrow, gas; Wednesday, street car rates; Friday, electric rates. On Thursday the Zoning Commission, of which the District Commissioners are members, will hold a meeting.

INSISTS ALLIES PAY U.S. DEBTS

Senator Watson of Indiana Demands Some Settlement as Taxation Relief.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

The growing conviction among administration leaders in Congress that something must be done immediately to lighten the terrific taxation burden under which the nation is now staggering found expression today in a statement from Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, declaring that European nations should be required to liquidate at once the \$10,000,000,000 which they owe the United States.

SIGNIFICANCE OF VIEWS. Senator Watson is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, and is a taxation and tariff legislator of long years of experience in both House and Senate. His views expressed today were taken as indicative of the course he will urge in the conference with other Senate and House leaders beginning this week.

"We should make definite arrangements with our debtors to pay a fixed amount each year, whatever the sum, so that we may have definite assurance of just how much we may expect from that quarter," said Senator Watson.

Domestic taxation relief is the most important issue confronting the new Administration, in Senator Watson's opinion, and he inclined strongly to the view that the new Congress should tackle the job before attempting to frame any new tariff law. Tariff is important, but it can wait until the people are given some assurance of tax relief, he said.

"The business world expects immediate relief from the great burden of taxation," continued the senator, "and it is clearly the first duty of the Republican party to meet this expectation."

WOULD END PROFIT TAX.

"We should repeal at once the excess profits tax and the higher surtaxes imposed by the present tax law, and attempt to make any temporary tariff measure based on the old Payne-Aldrich, or the Dingley or McKinley laws."

"None of them are at all applicable to the 'existing situation,' he continued, "and to attempt to make any one of them applicable would be to enter upon the enactment of a complete tariff law on the floor of the Senate practically without previous consideration as to the merits of the plan and then proceed in all ways to the reduction of government expenses to the lowest point consistent with efficient administration."

Senator Watson also declared in favor of the adoption "at once" of a "thorough-going budget system" that we may cut cloth according to the plan and then proceed in all ways to the reduction of government expenses to the lowest point consistent with efficient administration.

ACTIVE AT CONFERENCE.

Considerable importance was attached to Senator Watson's expression of his views regarding the tariff and tax situation by his Republican colleagues.

He will take an active part in the conference with other Senate and House leaders beginning this week. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

NEW D.C. HEADS GET QUICK O. K.

Prompt Action Taken on Unanimous Favorable Report of Committee.

The Senate today confirmed the nominations of Cuno H. Rudolph and Capt. James F. Oyster as Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

The nomination of the commissioners met with no opposition in the Senate, which confirmed them within fifteen minutes after meeting in executive session.

ACTION TAKEN PROMPTLY. Action was taken promptly on the request of Senator Ball of Delaware, who presented a unanimous report from the District Committee, recommending immediate confirmation of the two nominees.

When Senator Ball presented the report from the committee, following a hearing this morning at which Mr. Rudolph and Captain Oyster were indorsed by representatives of the civil and business associations of the District, it was taken up immediately. There was no debate.

ROOM IS CROWDED.

Senator Dillingham of Vermont, acting chairman of the District Committee, called the hearing to order shortly after 10 o'clock. The small room was crowded with friends of the two nominees. The committee members present were Senators Ball of Delaware, Elkins of West Virginia, New of Indiana and Tompkins of Ohio.

Declaring those who wished to be heard in opposition to the nominees should testify first, Senator Dillingham demanded them to come forward.

W. B. Westlake, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, said he represented himself and several persons who had asked him to appear.

E. W. Oyster told the committee he was appearing at the request of Senator Norris of Nebraska and Senator Kind of Utah.

A. Fairbairn, a newspaper man, said he would probably like to be heard.

ASKS FOR DELAY. Appearing purely in his capacity as a citizen, Mr. Westlake said it took a good deal of moral courage for him to protest against the nominations.

"I am not here to oppose the nominations," he said, "but am here to suggest that this committee have sufficient time to give the opponents an opportunity to present facts which they have not had time to compile in the forty-eight hours which the nominees were announced."

"We don't want this committee to render snap judgment on so important a matter. After thirty years' work in public matters here I have never seen such a quick and vigorous action as the confirmation of District Commissioners."

Senator Dillingham interrupted here and said that probably nominations had never been presented at a time when Congress was so near adjourning.

"They could have been given recess appointments and then due time could have been given the opponents to gather all facts to present before the committee," replied Westlake.

Senator Dillingham reiterated that evidently only three persons were present to make charges against the nominees and that these evidently were not opposed to the nominations. Westlake repeated that what he wanted chiefly was due deliberation on the part of the committee.

He declared that a peculiar situation existed in Washington with regard to public utilities.

Mr. Westlake explained that a group (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

WAINWRIGHT TO BE ASST. WAR SECRETARY

Secretary of War Weeks announced today that Col. J. Mayhew Wainwright, of New York, will be named Assistant Secretary of War. Colonel Wainwright is a New York national guard officer and served as inspector general on the staff of Major General O'Ryan, of the Twenty-seventh division, during the World War.